



GOD LOVE

DOING AND BEING

Think not alone to *do* right, and fulfill
 Life's due perfection by the simple worth
 Of lawful actions called by justice forth,
 And thus condone a world confused with ill!
 But fix the high condition of thy will
 To *be* right, that its good's spontaneous birth
 May spread like flowers springing from the
 earth
 On which the natural dews of heaven distill;
 For these require no honors, take no care
 For gratitude from men—but more are
 blessed
 In the sweet ignorance that they are faith;
 And through their proper functions live
 and rest,
 Breathing their fragrance out with joyous air,
 Content with praise of bettering what is best.

—William Davies

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"Therefore let no man glory in men," 1 Cor. 3:21a.

Dec. 1, 1945

Notices REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

To all members and friends of the Church of God living now in Texarkana, Ark., and close to Texarkana, please contact me at once by mail so we can get plans laid for a church in Texarkana. Pray much for us and for the salvation of many souls through our ministry.—Rev. Kenneth S. Barbour, Rt. 3, Oak Grove, La.

The Church of God on the Air

The Church of God on the air over WBTH, Williamson, W. Va., each Sunday afternoon from 2:30-3:00, under the direction of W. H. Compton, district overseer.

South Cleveland, Tenn., over Station WBAC, Cleveland, 1340 Kc. Each weekday, except Saturday, from 10:15-10:30 a. m. Each Sunday from the church from 12:00 m.-12:30 p. m. J. A. Bixler, pastor.

DEATHS

PICKERS

Helen Winifred, daughter of Willard and Linnie Pickers, deceased, has gone to be with Jesus, father and mother having preceded her in death about a year ago. Helen was two years, eight months, and eleven days of age.—P. F. Fritz, Johnston City, Ill.

LUKE

Sister Theresa Lafever Luke, a faithful and devoted member of the Church of God, was born November 19, 1884, and departed this life November 1, 1945; age sixty years, eleven months, and eleven days.—J. W. Riggs, pastor, Box 375, Baxter, Tenn.

FRAZER

Mrs. Dorothy Frazer, a faithful member of the Church of God at Chillicothe, Mo., departed this life November 4, 1945; age thirty-one years.—Mrs. H. V. Howe, Chillicothe, Mo.

GRIFFITH

Our father, E. H. Griffith, Man, W. Va., departed this life July 31, 1945. He was a member of the Church of God for twenty years and was faithful to God and the Church. Pray that his children may be saved.—Mrs. Homer Griffith, Man, W. Va.

PRAY FOR:

The healing of a lady who has been sick four or five months with rheumatism; my healing, my teeth have been giving me trouble; the healing of a lady who was hit by a car.—Mrs. W. H. M., Opelika, Ala.

God to undertake for me, I surely need help and encouragement.—Annina Bright, 536 Jones Ave., Pineville, Ky.

The Lord to heal me of strep throat.—Mrs. John Byrd, McCall Creek, Miss.

Me to be healed, I have an afflicted foot due to a fallen arch.—Mrs. G. J. Thomas, 1212 Joseph St., Jacksonville 6, Fla.

My mother who has stomach trouble to be healed, she is also bothered with her appendix; me.—Mrs. Wm. Gentry, Paint Rock, N. C.

God to completely heal me, I have been in very bad health several years but the Lord has touched my body.—Mrs. J. B. Greenlee, Rt. 1, Shaw, Miss.

The healing of my body of an affliction which is causing me much pain and soreness in my back.—Mrs. Elvia Crum, Boonsboro, Md.

God to undertake for my companion.—Wardie Mann, 1261 Ida St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The saving and healing of my fifteen-year-old son of T. B. and a nervous disease. He says without God

heals him he will have to die; me.—Mrs. C. D. Wakefield, Tellico Plains, Tenn.

Me to be healed, I am in a serious condition.—Mrs. Esther Blackwell, Pumpkin Center, Calif.

God to undertake for me.—Mrs. Minnie Bruce, Eagan, Tenn.

Sister Laura Gipson to be healed of a stroke.—Mrs. Dee F. Smith, Rt. 1, Selmer, Tenn.

My niece, Mrs. Louise Brown, 98 Daniel St., Anderson, S. C., to be healed of bronchial trouble, bad tonsils and whooping cough; me to be healed of a severe cold and nervous spells; my baby; my sister's daughter.—Mrs. Inez Allen, Linton Ave., Lavonia, Ga.

My healing, I have a growth which looks like it may turn to a cancer, I am looking to God for healing.—Mrs. Hazel Lawson, Rt. 1, Box 4, Baker, Fla.

My daughter, she is very, very critically ill of T. B. of the female organs. We know God is able.—Brother and Sister Temple, 32 W. Dempster Ave., Memphis 9, Tenn.

God to heal me of a severe stomach and liver trouble, I am in a bad condition.—S. J. F., 713 E. Buffalo Ave., Tampa, Fla.

The Lord to heal my eyes and restore my eyesight.—Sister L. B. Shiver, 1905 N. Madison St., Albany, Ga.

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Repent and Return

MRS. MELVIN FAISON

"I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears," Psa. 34:4.

As I bring this message from God's Word to you, I am thinking of how I sought the Lord March 1, 1941, on my knees in my room, just after the old-fashioned gospel radio program went off the air, and when I did this Jesus kept His promise in John 6:37, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," just as God always keeps His promises. I was already a member of the church and was trying to live the best I could. But God's Word tells us in John 3:3, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." We can't get to heaven on doing the best we can, short of the new birth.

Isa. 64:6 tells us that our own righteousness is as filthy rags in God's sight. Our own righteousness will not take us to heaven, and, after all, the best we can do is not very good, for when we think we control ourselves really we don't. We are controlled by God or by Satan and when we begin trying to live right without being born again, we get more and more into the habit of thinking we are supposed to do just as we feel like doing, and we forget that Satan gives us the feeling to do just what he wants done every time things go wrong. God can not lead us by His Spirit until we are born again, saved by the precious blood of Jesus, and even when we have a desire to live for God and are not saved, the devil will cause us to follow him more and more, whether we realize it or not.

I remember when I read my Bible and didn't enjoy it, and tried to pray and got no pleasure from it, and no answers either. I looked on the dark side of life when trouble came. I worried instead of praying. Oh, what a miserable life! But, praise God forever, we don't have to live such a life as this. Why? Because the death of Jesus on the cross makes salvation possible, and salvation makes it possible for us to have peace in our hearts at all times.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your

heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid," John 14:27.

We learn from God's Word that Satan is the prince of this world and he deceives people and makes them believe that the way to have peace is to go to worldly places, seeking pleasure in sinful amusements, and he deceives some by making them believe that they can find pleasure in letting Satan have full possession of their temper when any little thing happens, causing them to say all manner of bad things, even curse words sometimes, and causing them to try to tear up things just to satisfy a sinful desire put into their heart by Satan. And he deceives some by causing them to depend on strong drink for pleasure, but a child of God does not depend on these things for pleasure. I can say with a good old song, "I've got a home that is so much better and I want to go there sooner or later; I don't want to get adjusted to this world." My prayer is, Take this old world but give me Jesus. Well, praise God forever!

Remember, dear friends, trying to do the best we can won't crowd Satan out. But, thank God, when we open our heart's door and let Jesus come in, He will crowd Satan out and, oh, what peace we will have then, joy unspeakable and full of glory, and we will have a friend with us at all times, who said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," Heb. 13:5. And when Jesus saves us that isn't all God has for us. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate," Heb. 13:12. God is calling His unsanctified children to come to Him for that experience. After we are

saved from sin we go out of the sinning business, but all those since Adam have inherited the sinful nature and we should come to Jesus after we are saved and let Him sanctify us, which will destroy that old nature. I praise God that Jesus sanctified me one night and what He will do for one of God's children He will do for another.

God has something else for us too—the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I will never forget the Sunday morning I received this wonderful experience, just as God's Word tells us, the very same experience as mentioned in Acts 2. Please read it. Thank God this gets more real to me every day. It is for you, too. After you are saved and sanctified Jesus is in your heart and is with you at all times, while God watches over you. I am praying much for the safe return of our boys in Service. If you are saved Jesus will be with you all through life here and when you have to leave this world, whether it be now or many years later, you will go right into your mansion in Glory, that Jesus tells us about in John 14. If you haven't let Jesus into your heart yet, let Him in today. He will save you. He will do the same for you today that He did for me March 1, 1941, as our text tells us He will deliver those who seek Him. He has been a precious Savior to me ever since that day.

Dear unsaved soldier friends, make this the day that you let Jesus save you, and write and tell me all about it, and write home and tell your loved ones, too. I am praying daily on my knees for all of you. Pray much for me as I work for my Lord who has done so much for me. I send many sermons, tracts, and letters to those in Service. God is using my work to His glory and I give Him the praise for it. It is a faith work. Pray for my Christian husband in Service, and for his safe return home. God bless you every one, is my prayer.

Who Will Join Me in Prayer?

My brother or sister, do you want to be like Jesus? If you do, you will have to do like Him; you will have to live like Him. 1 John 2:4-6 says, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he

abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."

1 John 4:17, "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world."

As I have mentioned above, to be like Him we will have to live like Him; we will have to pray like Him, and

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Jewish Children

According to a report from London 4,000 Jewish children have been adopted into Christian homes throughout Holland.

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The Living Bread

Jesus Christ hungered as man, but as God He was the Living Bread.

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Two Great Crowds

The one gathers at the place of a fire after the fire bell has rung, and the other crowd will gather in hell because they paid no attention to the church bell when it rang. Both are fire bells in warning, but one is heeded and the other is not. The result of the latter is fatal when unheeded.

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Atomic Energy

The Greek word used for "foundation" of the world comes from "katabolee" (Gr.) meaning a casting down, or a laying down. How are we to understand this? If an actual foundation is here meant, as certainly it is, whether it refers to material or spiritual things, we at once have the secret of atomic energy. It means this "foundation" was constituted from things of a heavenly nature and principle. Certainly if there was no foundation prior to the time of this "casting down," we can understand but one thing, and that is that the material world was made of substance from above and therefore heavenly in origin and nature. Everything about us is made up of potency and powerful energies in the form of gasses, etc., agreeable to what is termed the material world; but all this originally came from above and was related to the heavenly matter in its likeness.

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The Created Earth

Turning to the Hebrew word "boro," which is translated in Gen. 1:1 "create," we find exactly the same idea and principle. "Boro" means (1) to cut, to carve out, to form by cutting, etc.; (2) to create, to produce, to make smooth, to polish, hence to fashion. The first definition refers to production of an article from an already existing substance. However, the second

definition takes into account production by creation. Therefore, if "in the beginning God created" ("boro, Heb.) the heavens and the earth," we apply the first definition of the verb "boro"; the creation was a fashioning from a former substance, and as there had been no fall at that time, the creation referred to here would have to be as referred to in a creation (Gr., "katabolee") out of already existing substance which could have been alone of materials of an heavenly like nature. An unfallen God in an unfallen universe could have, if we apply the second definition of the Hebrew verb "boro," translated "create," created alone by bringing into shape or appearance the heavens and the earth out of a substance in nature like unto Himself. Science of the second phase, as it deals with the material world, finds that the material world is all the more closely related to science of the first phase or of the spirit world. The material world exists solely because of the spiritual world; therefore, when the plan of redemption is completed the earth will be filled with the knowledge and the glory of God and there shall be no more curse in it. Rev. 21:4, 5. The creative ingenuity and almightiness of God is revealed in each discovery that science makes.

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Persecution in Mexico

A press report in the New York Times for September 5 informs us that American and Mexican liberals have been startled by a call to "a crusade as in the Middle Ages" against "Protestant penetration," issued by Catholic Archbishop Luis Martinez. Once again the miserable terror of religious persecution raises its deadly hand in the Republic to the south of us. In six weeks, eight cases of attacks on Protestants by Catholic fanatics have been reported in scattered parts of the country. In each attack, anti-Protestantism was linked to anti-Americanism. At least one fatality has been reported as a result of the attacks, in which members of the various Protestant sects have been beaten. Homes and churches have been burned and Protestants have been warned to move elsewhere. Religious and national Fascism join hands in Mexico.

Mordecai in Berlin

Seigmund Weltinger, Jewish banker, has been appointed to the City Council of Berlin. Like Mordecai, he has been elevated over Naaman-Hitler. He will represent the 6,000 Jews still remaining in Berlin. There were 180,000 in Berlin before Hitler came to power.

Complete reports on the number of Jews left in Germany are not available, Weltinger said in an interview, but he estimated that only 20,000 remain out of a former total of 540,000. Of the more than 100,000 Berlin Jews herded into concentration camps, only 1,400 survived. Fifty thousand saved their lives by flight, but more than 20,000 died under the Nazi terror.

He revealed that 60 per cent of all Jews still in Germany are married to non-Jews and that about 3,400 of the surviving Jews in Berlin owe their lives to having contracted mixed marriages.

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Light on the Crucifixion

Missionary Magazine states that, "Fresh light on the crucifixion is believed to be thrown in Hebrew and Greek inscriptions found on stone ossuaries (receptacles for bones) in an ancient cave-tomb about a mile south of Jerusalem. The inscriptions, dating from the First Century, A. D., are said to be lamentations by Jewish disciples on the martyrdom of Christ on the Cross. Symbols, in addition to the inscriptions, university archeologists said, confirmed the authenticity of the object and identified it with the beginning of the Christian era."

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A MESSAGE OF GOOD CHEER . . .

"But straightway Jesus spoke unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid," Matt. 14:27. These were the words of peace and comfort that Jesus spoke to His disciples who were in the midst of the sea in a ship being tossed with waves, as the wind was contrary. When Jesus spoke these words and entered into the ship the wind ceased and all went well. Jesus not only spoke words of cheer that comforted troubled disciples, but also helped them in just the way they needed it. In order to have God's help along the way, we must first let Jesus save us.

You may say, "I don't need to be saved, I have always lived the best I could." Let us see what God's Word has to say about that. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23. "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away," Isaiah 64:6. So you see, dear friends, no matter how good we try to live, God does not count our righteousness as being sufficient to take us to heaven.

How shall we get started on our way to that wonderful place called heaven? "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," St. John 3:5. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith," 1 John 5:4. God's Word plainly tells us we cannot reach heaven without the new birth.

Do I hear you ask, "How do we get the new birth?" Well, let us see what our Holy Bible tells us about that. "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," St. Luke 13:3. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out," Acts 3:19. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," 2 Peter 3:9. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me," Rev. 3:20. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," John 6:37b.

I know there are many professed

Christian men and women in the service of our country not yet saved. I want to say God's Word plainly teaches us that we must be born again in order to be saved and on our way to heaven. All who repent of their sins and are willing to forsake all that is unchristlike and come to Jesus, believing that He is the Son of God, will get saved. Jesus comes into the hearts of all who open unto Him. He never casts anyone out. Then, dear friends, you will be on your way to that home that Jesus is preparing for you in heaven. "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also," John 14:2, 3. This promise is to all children of God. Be saved today, dear sinner friend, and lay hold on this precious promise of Jesus. There are many messages of good cheer to the unsaved in God's Word. As soon as you let Jesus into your heart and become a child of God, you lay hold on all the precious promises in our holy Bible. "Commit thy ways unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring

it to pass," Psalms 37:5. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved," Psalms 55:22. There are many other such promises to the children of God.

You may say, "I have a hard place. I have so many temptations, trials, hardships, and must undergo many dangers and unpleasant things." Yes, dear soldier friends, that is true, but that is only another reason why you need Jesus as your Savior and Leader, to watch over you. He will go with you through all and help you in every way. Service men and women, think what a fine father or mother, husband or wife, son or daughter you will be after having been saved and living for Jesus through this war. If it is your lot to lose your life you will just fall asleep in the arms of Jesus and He will safely usher you into a bright mansion in glory, where you will forever live with our wonderful God.

Christian, please pray for my Christian husband, who is in the army, that he will stand true and return home. I spend much time on my knees in prayer in behalf of our service men and women. Lost soul, get right with God. I shall be glad to send gospel tracts to anyone desiring them. God bless you everyone is my prayer.—Mrs. Melvin Faison, Rt. 2, Mocksville, N. C.

Thanksgiving Appropriate for 1945

PAUL H. WALKER

In American history the name "Pilgrims" is applied to the earliest settlers in the Colony of Plymouth, Massachusetts, and its more specific application is to the first immigrants who sailed on the *MAYFLOWER* in 1620. They were from the beginning separatists from the Church of England. They had established independent (congregational) Churches of Scrooby and Gainsborough early in the Seventeenth Century; some of them had fled to Amsterdam in 1608 to avoid persecution, and had removed to Leydon in the following year. They sailed from Delftshaven late in July, 1620; from South Hampton on August 5, from Plymouth on September 6, and late in December, 1620, founded the Colony of Plymouth, Massachusetts. These early Christians, who had the courage to stand for their honest convictions, were forced out of their beloved land, England, to seek a country where they might enjoy the freedom of the wor-

ship of God according to the dictates of their own consciences.

After these early settlers had braved the hardships and long awaited the time of harvest, which harvest yielded quite plentifully, they thought it only in keeping with their unwavering faith that a day should be set apart for the purpose of congregating in their humble log churches to offer thanks to God and to worship Him for His tender care and provision. This day of thanksgiving was recognized after its inauguration by the Pilgrim Fathers, year after year.

In the United States, the last Thursday in November is annually set apart for thanksgiving, by proclamation of the President and the governors of the various states. The day is observed with religious services in churches, and especially in New England, as an occasion for family reunion. Its first establishment at Plymouth was immediately after its first

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Reports from the Field

Thank God for Every Department

POMEROY, OHIO—I thank God for His love and mercy to us. We have a nice church free of debt and the Lord is blessing us in almost every service. We thank God for the wonderful old-fashioned revival conducted by Brother Murphy, of Camden, Ohio. We surely would like to have him back with us any time for a revival; he is a wonderful man of God and not afraid to preach the Word as God gives it to him under the anointing. He set a church in order here at Rutland, Ohio (Happy Hollow) with fifteen members. We have a good Y. P. E. with good attendance, for which we thank God. Pray for us that the Lord will save many souls.—Mrs. Bonnie Williams, clerk; Rt. 3.

We Are Moving Forward

PAXTON, IND.—We are glad to report a good work here at Paxton, Ind. We praise God for our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Emil Reedy. We praise the Lord that we have a preacher who preaches old-time gospel power. We are moving forward.

On October 1 we held our fellowship meeting. Our state overseer, Brother Lane, was with us, also our ministers of the district. The Lord blessed us; our mission offering was \$101. On the following Sunday was our home-coming. Brother Lane and our brother ministers were with us. We had all-day service and basket dinner. Our offering for that day was \$63 in cash and pledges. We covet the prayers of all God's people everywhere.—Mrs. Maggie Cox, Box 46.

Work at Stringtown, Ky., Reorganized

Dear Evangel Readers, we had a good work up here at Stringtown, Ky., but for several reasons the devil got busy and got into the church and tore it up. Then for a long time we had no service at all until last year the Lord sent Sister Katie Tucker this way, and she ran us a revival, in which two were saved, one sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost, and the saints were revived and refreshed. I thank the Lord for Sister Tucker and her life. She surely has been a blessing to us up here.

We sent for her to come back this year and she arrived August 2, 1945, and we had a five weeks' revival. There were seven saved, three sanctified, and many others blessed. We all came together with our district pastor, Brother W. B. Webb, and Brother L. L. Hatfield and reorganized our church with six members, for which we thank the Lord.

We have our work started again in Stringtown, Ky., and we trust it will stand till Jesus comes or calls. They gave us Brother Harry Dingess for our pastor. We love him and think he is real man of God. We also thank the Lord for Sister Tucker; she is a humble soldier of the cross and a good preacher. She has done a wonderful work up here.

Please pray for the little church here that it may grow in leaps and bounds, for we love the Church of God and think it the best this side of heaven.—Mrs. Stella Roberts, Sunday School secretary, Merrimac, W. Va.

DON'T FORGET THE ORPHANS

Christmas Is Near

Our needs at this time are still great on account of the high prices of every thing. Many people write in for lists of names and ages of children in the Home, in order to buy presents and treats for them at Christmas time. Below we are sending you the names and ages of the girls. If you have a friend that you think would be interested in having this list, drop us a card, giving their name and address and we shall gladly mail them a copy of this issue of the Evangel.

With best wishes.

The Church of God Orphanage
J. A. Muncy, Superintendent.

Girls in the Home

| Name | Age |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Eleanor Sue Carter | 9 |
| 2. Inaverll Carter | 11 |
| 3. Nelton Joy Carter | 4 |
| 4. Ruth Coggins | 13 |
| 5. Geneva Coggins | 10 |
| 6. Verna Coggins | 8 |
| 7. Helen Coggins | 4 |
| 8. Edna Cromer | 10 |
| 9. Francis Cromer | 3 |
| 10. Juanita Crowder | 7 |
| 11. Naomi Ruth Curtis | 4 |
| 12. Jewell Dutton | 15 |
| 13. Betty Edwards | 16 |
| 14. Jewell Edwards | 10 |
| 15. Juanita Edwards | 14 |
| 16. Ruby Edwards | 12 |
| 17. Verda Mae Ellard | 10 |
| 18. Betty Jean Erby | 10 |
| 19. Virginia Jo Erby | 12 |
| 20. Geraldine Findley | 6 |
| 21. Mary Adelia Gardener | 8 |
| 23. Sara Sue Good | 4 |
| 24. Glenna Faye Good | 6 |
| 25. Edna Gray | 14 |
| 26. Lilly Ella Green | 8 |

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| 27. Mary Sue Harkins | 4 |
| 28. Louise Harn | 16 |
| 29. Virginia Mae Haynes | 11 |
| 30. Ruby Holcomb | 16 |
| 31. Lillie Mae Lambert | 8 |
| 32. Margie Lambert | 11 |
| 33. Louise Lambert | 10 |
| 34. Thelma Lambert | 16 |
| 35. Annie Jo Law | 10 |
| 36. Josephine Layne | 12 |
| 37. Betty Ledford | 15 |
| 38. Myrlin Carrie Lloyd | 10 |
| 39. Lucy Irene McLaughan | 9 |
| 40. Peggy Maness | 14 |
| 41. Elaney Petree | 5 |
| 42. Effie Petree | 12 |
| 43. Elizabeth Robinson | 10 |
| 44. Lucy Mae Robinson | 4 |
| 45. Marie Robinson | 12 |
| 46. Pauline Robinson | 6 |
| 47. Louise Simmons | 14 |
| 48. Ruth Simmons | 12 |
| 49. Arlene Smith | 9 |
| 50. Beverly Gene Smith | 7 |
| 51. Lovenia Smith | 11 |
| 52. Margaret Smith | 14 |
| 53. Nancy Carol Smith | 6 |
| 54. Doris Jean Thomas | 10 |
| 55. LaRoy Thomas | 8 |
| 56. Delois Tippins | 11 |
| 57. Pauline Tippins | 15 |
| 58. Joyce Ward | 10 |
| 59. Gloria Walton | 10 |
| 60. Ester Jean Walton | 5 |
| 61. Mary Gay Walton | 7 |
| 62. Mildred Louise Wright | 14 |
| 63. Marian Baldree | 8 |
| 64. Gladys Vance | 15 |
| 65. Joan Wright | 5 |
| 66. Mary Helen Wheeler | 5 |
| 67. Mazlene Kent | 15 |
| 68. Sally Kent | 11 |
| 69. Mildred Kent | 10 |
| 70. Arlene Kent | |

WORLD-WIDE BIBLE READING THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 5, MATTHEW 6

A Selection: Jesus is speaking.

After this manner therefore pray ye:

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses . . ."

DECEMBER 6, ROMANS 8

A Selection

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

DECEMBER 7, Matthew 7

A Selection: Jesus is speaking.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

DECEMBER 8, PSALM 91

A Selection

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day:

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked."

DECEMBER 9, GALATIANS 6

A Selection

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness;

considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

For every man shall bear his own burden.

Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall be also reap.

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

DECEMBER 10, COLOSSIANS 3

A Selection

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering;

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

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SANCTIFICATION

Romans 5:2, "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin."

Sin here is an abstract noun, and means an attribute of Satan, and not Satan himself. Satan did not enter the world by man, but sin did enter by man, and that man was Adam. Sin did not have its origin in Adam, but it did have its origin in Satan, and entered the world through Adam.

It is true that the people of today get the sin principle through the laws of heredity from their parents, but the FIRST PARENTS got their sin principle from Satan.

There are those who say that a child of God cannot have any of the attributes of Satan in him. But it is easy to look around you, at the people with whom you are acquainted, and see many sinners who have many of the attributes of God in them. Gentleness, goodness, love, trust, etc., are the attributes of God, and many sinners have them. So if sinners can have the attributes of God, then why not a Christian have some of the attributes of Satan? I only mention this to show you the possibility of it. But since it is God's will for us to be sanctified, I hasten to say that Jesus came to condemn this sin in the flesh, and died to PURGE IT OUT with His blood. 1 Thess. 4:3; Romans 8:3; Hebrews 13:12.

PURIFY

Purify means to rid of foreign matter. Foreign matter, so far as man is concerned, is anything that comes from Satan. Anything and everything that God did not create in man, or which man has derived from his contact with Satan, is foreign to man. It is also foreign to God, and it is foreign to God's will concerning man. It is this foreign matter that sanctification removes.

PURIFY appears the first seven times in the Scripture in the following places: Num. 19:12 (it appears twice here); 19:19; 19:20; 31:19; 31:20; Job 41:25. In each of these seven instances "purify" means to wash; to purge away; a filth that one has contracted through contact with a dead body, or some other unclean thing.

Through our association with Satan, and through the death of Adam, we are contaminated with the attributes

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of Satan. This contamination is foreign matter to man, and through the blood of Jesus one is washed free from this pollution. One can say that he is pure ONLY after he has been sanctified.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the PURE in HEART for they shall see God." "Pure" here means a state of purity that one reaches after one is purified by the blood of Jesus. This is SANCTIFICATION!!!

In Isa. 66:17 God promises to destroy those who try to sanctify themselves by some unholy method which God has not ordained. The word used here means to make, or to be holy; uncontaminated; clean; pure; innocent, etc. It has more to do with heart purity and inner cleansing than it does with outer washings.

Purity appears last in the Old Testament in Mal. 3:3, "And he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." This has reference to the time when Jesus will return to earth and purify the Jewish priesthood through sanctification, just as we are purified today. The word here means heart purity.

During the time of the law of Moses, before Jesus died, the priests could not offer an offering in righteousness, because they were not clean themselves and could not be cleansed by their offerings. Then they rejected Jesus, but when the great tribulation drives them back to God they will accept Jesus and He will PURIFY THE SONS OF LEVI.

Titus 2:14, "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Purify here means to make holy; to purge; to cleanse. It refers directly to inner cleansing of the heart, or sanctification. It signifies the removal of all foreign matter from the heart.

"Purify" is found the last time in the New Testament in James 4:8, "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and

PURIFY YOUR HEARTS, ye double-minded."

Please notice that the first call comes to the sinner. "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners." This means that one has to quit the sinning business in order to receive the blessings of God and become a child of God. Then AFTER they have cleansed their hands and have quit sinning and been born of God, comes the call for them to PURIFY THEIR HEARTS. This verb PURIFY used here is derived from the Greek noun "hagnos," which means perfect; chaste; clean; pure. This also means inner cleansing of the heart, or the experience of SANCTIFICATION.

Notice that the person who needs this purifying experience, even though he is a child of God, IS STILL DOUBLEMINDED. The Greek word here for "doubleminded" is an abstract noun meaning literally two-spirited. One of these spirits is the one that man receives from Satan through Adam; it is foreign matter to man, and must be removed before man can say he is sanctified. The other spirit is the one God gave man when He created him, and that spirit can be sanctified, and is sanctified when the spirit of Satan is removed.

Acts 15:9, "And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." This was spoken concerning the Gentiles, and the thought you should notice is that their HEARTS WERE PURIFIED. This refers to sanctification.

These scriptures leave no room for spiritual growth that can be called sanctification. It is true that there should be, and must be, a spiritual growth. But this growth is not sanctification.

PRACTICAL SANCTIFICATION IS PROGRESSIVE, but THE EXPERIENCE OF SANCTIFICATION IS SOMETHING THAT TAKES PLACE INSTANTLY in the HEART OF THE BELIEVER as soon as he, or she, brings forth enough fruit to justify God in PURGING them. John 15:2.

There must be a spiritual growth BEFORE one can be sanctified. But this growth is not to be confused with sanctification. This growth is bringing forth fruit; walking in the light;

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B. T. S. Speaks . . .

A Word From the High School Department

When I came to B. T. S. a year ago I was unsaved, and I was not very interested in my soul's salvation. I soon realized that my roommates and others around me had something that was lacking in my life. I began seeking Christ, and one Sunday night He took control of me.

This is a wonderful place to learn to face the problems of the world. Life here is not all ease—on the contrary, one has to keep in touch with God through prayer and through His Word here as well as elsewhere. Prayer at the beginning of each class is a great aid to us spiritually. There is a holy atmosphere around us, and we know that God is with us.

It is my earnest prayer that each person will leave the school at the end of the year filled with the love of Jesus.—Mable Jean Williams, a high school student.

A Word From the Christian Workers' Department

D. L. Moody said, "When a man lives up to what he preaches, then his testimony has weight." Bible Training School is teaching us this.

There is, I am thoroughly convinced, no better institution in all the world that can adequately prepare a worker for Christ, than the Church of God Bible Training School. In the various departments the student's mind becomes broadened that he may better combat the evil forces of this world. We are endeavoring to store these spiritual truths in our minds that we may better equip ourselves for His service.

As we are increasing in knowledge, we are drawn close to God. We come to a greater realization of what great love Christ had for us, to give His life that we and all the world might be redeemed from a life of sin and give us hope of everlasting life.

My greatest ambition is to live a life that will be a blessing to all those with whom I may come in contact and to be one of the inner circle around Jesus.—Bernice Stout, Chauncey, Illinois.

A Word From the Junior College

My many dreams of coming to B.T.S. have at last come true! My being here still seems like a dream to me. Since I was first saved, Bible School has always been before me when I

prayed about what the Lord would have me do. God knew I was not financially able to begin this fall term, but He showed me that the way was open if I would only have faith in Him.

An instant in which my prayers were answered happened about a month before school opened. I was notified that I must send \$10.00 for room reservation. So I began to pray for the Lord to send me the money. Shortly afterward I received a check for \$23.00. I sent the \$10.00 to school and bought a suitcase with the remainder of the money. This is one of the many ways in which the Lord showed me that the impossible can be made possible through prayer and faith.

I loved B.T.S. from the very first day I came. All of the students were very friendly and willing to do anything they could to help me get situated in my new home.

One thing I like about the school is the beautiful scenery surrounding it and its location in the heart of the Great Smokies. It seems that I have learned to appreciate God's wonderful works of nature more since I have been here.

The most inspiring thing to me is the sweet fellowship and consecration that abides among the members of the student body. One can hear a group most any time of the day, somewhere praising the Lord. We who have the privilege of being here should have a praise in our hearts at all times for Him who made such a glorious privilege possible.

By the end of this term I hope to be walking closer to God and know more about His wonderful Word. He has a definite work for me, I am sure. Even though I know not what it is, I know that the Lord sent me here to prepare myself in order that I might be qualified to do just what He bids me do.

I, along with the other students, sincerely believe that this term will be the greatest in the history of B.T.S.—Ruth Kee.

A Word From the Faculty

The best place in the world to be is "in the center of God's will." That is doubly true when it is God's will for you to be in B.T.S. God has been sending a select group here for the Christian Workers' Course for many years

and this year is no exception. We have some of the finest Christian young people that the Church can produce. I have just one regret about this year's student body, that is, that we can not have all the select groups of years past, here for this term. What a grand reunion it would be if all who have ever attended B.T.S. could return for one grand service together! Keep praying, working, and striving, and meet us in the reunion in the sky.—Avis Swiger.

On the night of October 31, one of our students and also the daughter of Rev. E. L. Simmons, Miss Tommie Simmons, was taken to the hospital and underwent an appendectomy. Tommie was brought home on November 8 and is getting along very well. We wish for her a most speedy recovery.

Today, Miss Lois Jernigan, daughter of our General Overseer, underwent a tonsillectomy. Lois, we trust that you will make a soon recuperation and be back in school with us.

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abiding in the vine, and all this is necessary BEFORE one can be sanctified.

Then after one is sanctified, he will have to conform to the standards of a holy and consistent life, if he remains sanctified. This daily applying the laws of holiness to one's conduct is sometimes called PROGRESSIVE sanctification. Probably this does no harm to the doctrine of sanctification, but it is IMPOSSIBLE for one to be guided by the laws and standards of sanctification BEFORE one has been PURGED or sanctified.

So we conclude that the experience of sanctification is instantaneous, but the part one is to practice is progressive.

Revival

WILLIAMSTON, N. C.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival here at my home in Williamston, N. C. Several were saved, one sanctified, and many healed. Sister Della R. Patrick, of Roanoke Rapids, did the preaching and God really blesses her in praying for the sick. She is a good, humble woman, and we all love her. Anyone desiring a good evangelist should get her; her life is a blessing to others.—Mrs. Albert Lewis.

In Need of God's Help

Dear Saints of God, I ask every one who believes in God to pray a special prayer for my brother; he is in a serious condition and is at Waynesville, N. C., in jail locked up. The doctors say it is his nerves. He knows everyone who comes to see him and can look right at times, and then at times looks wild. He can read the Bible well, he prays and says God is taking care of him. Pray that God will save and heal him, if it is His will.

He has always believed in divine healing, always trusted God to heal, and I know there is nothing impossible with God. I believe God is going to heal him, and I humbly ask everyone to pray until God heals him. Also remember me and pray that I will live true to Jesus and be a light to the lost world, for God knows my whole heart's desire is to live true to Him. Pray that God will heal my brother. He is only eighteen years old. Fast and pray with me that God will heal him. Some are trying to send him to the asylum. Pray that God will bring him home again. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, and there is nothing too hard for Him.—Vergie York, Alarka, N. C.

WORLD-WIDE BIBLE READINGS

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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

DECEMBER 11, EPHESIANS 4
A Selection

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ."

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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The healing of my body, I am afflicted with hemorrhoids. — R. M. Buckels, Rt. 5, Box 51, Fort Payne, Ala.

God to undertake for me; the healing of my son, who has been crippled since birth; an unspoken request.—Mrs. Minnie Haddock.

The healing of my body.—Mary E. Carter, 419 E. 8th, Ada, Okla.

The healing of my body.—Belle Payne, Canton, N. C.

The healing of my father, the doctors do not think there is any chance for him.—Estus Davis, Route 1, Steppeville, Ala.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Robert Tilley, Box 91, Bluefield, Va.

My granddaughter to be healed.—Mrs. Sylvia Orrick, Rt. 1, Ironton, Mo.

The healing of my husband and four daughters.—Mrs. M. C. Painter, Saint George, W. Va.

The healing of my body, I am fully trusting God.—Mrs. C. C. Ellison, Attalla, Ala.

The healing of my wife, she has been in the hospital ten times in the past two years. Please pray that God will increase her faith.—J. E. Weeks, 814 Sheridan St., Lansing, Mich.

The healing of my body, I am fully trusting Him.—Mrs. Mattie Amos, 908 B Street, Lenoir City, Tenn.

The healing of my daughter's body.—Mrs. R. S. Futch, Rt. 1, Box 96, Plant City, Fla.

My brothers and husband who are overseas, the healing of my father; an unspoken request.—Mrs. Amos Cochran, Route 1, Dalton, Ga.

The healing of my wife, who is afflicted with something like boils. Encouragement appreciated. — Cpl. James B. Manning, 3450 20th St., San Francisco, Calif.

The healing of Mr. Harshbarger; Mrs. Bates to be healed; Miss Turly to be healed of cancer; the healing of Mrs. Thompson, who has had a stroke.—Myrtle Johnson, Box 5463, Huntington 3, W. Va.

My husband and brother who are overseas.—Mrs. Leon Craver, Box 574, Asheboro, N. C.

The healing of my body. Encouragement appreciated.—Annie Skelton, Rt. 1, Crawfordville, Ark.

The healing of my son, Kenneth Green, Kings Mtn., N. C., c/o Archdale Box, he is nineteen and has been under a doctor's care for asthma since he was four months old. He

needs encouragement.—Mrs. J. A. Grigg, Box 671, Kinston, N. C.

The healing of a sister who is suffering with her side.—Mrs. Mable Black, 224 Fall St., Johnson City, Tenn.

The healing of one of the sisters of our church here who is suffering from something like a stroke; God to undertake for a man.—Mrs. Hattie Goodrum, Rt. 1, Bethel Springs, Tenn.

My sister, Mrs. William Payne, Star Rt., Warrior, Ala., to be healed of something like asthma. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Jesse Higginbotham Dixiana, Ala.

Me to be healed, I have been an invalid three years; my husband and son that God will undertake for them, they surely need the Lord.—Mrs. L. G. J., Rt. 3, Colquitt, Ga.

The healing of my body, I have been afflicted for six months with rheumatism.—Della Nichols, Orme, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Harriett Rycroft, Rt. 7, Greenville, S. C.

The healing of my body.—Mattie Fowler, Route 2, Salem, S. C.

The healing of my body and soul; my niece to be saved.—Miss Sarah Blasingame, 426 N. Elmwood, Lindsay, Calif.

The saving and healing of two young men at the state insane asylum; the healing of my body, my husband to be healed and saved.—Mrs. Presley, Canoe, Ala.

The healing of my body.—Tamsy Blankenship, Kitts Hill, Ohio.

Sister Fannie Wollard, 414 Lombard St., Wilmington, Del., to be healed.—Clarence Denson, 431 Roger Rd., Millside, Wilmington, Del.

My mother to be healed, she is in bad health; my brothers and daddy in the army, they are unsaved.—Miss Clara Miley, Rt. 1, Neshoba, Miss.

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TESTIMONIES

Dear Evangel Readers, greetings in Jesus' precious name. I praise the Lord for His many blessings to me and mine. Words cannot express just how I feel because we have a home of prayer. I can still report victory in the precious blood of Jesus. You know the devil doesn't like the blood but it will take a blood religion to get to heaven. You know if we miss heaven, we have missed all. Life would not be worth anything to me if I knew I would be lost. Oh, as I write these lines tears fill my eyes. I think about people who are drooping in sin and darkness, not realizing where they are going to spend eternity. I feel that it will not be long until Jesus will come after His waiting ones.

I praise God for His healing power. He has healed me many times. Please pray for me and my family that we will have an unbroken family in heaven. We don't get to go to service much but my whole heart's desire is to do something for the Lord. It seems that the Lord has something for me to do—I guess to be a shining light. You know we can brighten the corner where we are.

I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God. My membership is at Livingston's Chapel. We have a good pastor. I want to be faithful until death and if I am living when Jesus comes I would like to be on my knees praying.—Ellis P. Floyd, Rt. 1, McRae, Ga.

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MT. PLEASANT, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. I have been a member of the Church of God for the past seven years and have been the church pianist for eight years. I had to wear a brace for six years, for my back, due to a fallen stomach. Brother C. B. Donohue came to our church in May, 1945, for a revival and during a healing service the Lord touched my back and healed me instantly. I threw the brace away and haven't had to use it anymore. I am giving God all the praise and I recommend Him to you as the great Healer.—Louise Medley, 201 3rd Ave.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I thank everyone for the nice encouraging letters I have received

since I sent in my request for prayer for the healing of my body, also for the tracts sent me. They have been uplifting and encouraging to me. I am so much better that I can work in the mill on my job again. I have been going to the doctor most of the time but I feel God has had the greatest hand in my being so much better. For this I praise Him tonight and glorify His name.

I praise God for the Holy Ghost and for everything He is to me. Those of you who have been telling me about giving over to Jesus, please pray that He will help me to understand. God knows my heart tonight. If I haven't already tried to do this I just do not know how. I want to be healed completely so I will know the work is done, just as I knew when I was saved. I knew the work was done, and I believe everyone can really know down in his heart when God heals him.

I do not have time to write much so I am writing this that each and every one who has written or sent me tracts will be able to read it. I go to church lots and try to do my housework and work in the mill, which keeps me busy, but please don't quit writing or praying for me. I feel I need it so much. I have felt like I had a call from the Lord to do a work which in everyday life I get many discouragements about. The devil tries every way to defeat, but I know my God can help me and I trust each and every one who reads this will pray that some day I can take the stand for Jesus just as I feel He would have me to. I want to be able to lay aside doctors and ideas and everything that hinders, and take a bold stand for my Master. Too many years have been wasted already; the harvest is white, the laborers are few, and I find where He said to pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send laborers into His harvest. Pray for me.—Mrs. L. C. O'Barr, Rt. 1, Mooresville, N. C.

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OSBORNE, Mo.—Dear Saints of God, I praise God from whom all blessings flow, for He is healing my body in answer to prayer. I thank every one who read my request for God to completely heal my body, for the many nice letters, and I say to everyone who reads this, if you need

help in any way, just go to the Lord in prayer and He will answer. I claim every promise in His precious Word and know definitely that God is going to complete the work He has begun and one of these days I shall walk without canes and be made whole.

Continue to pray for me at all times, for I am going through with Jesus. If you feel led just write me, as it encourages me very much. I can walk with canes but cannot do any work yet.—M. F. Tiller.

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LOGAN, W. Va.—About three years ago I requested prayer through the Evangel for my daughter who had epileptic fits, but she still had them some time after that, so her daddy took her to the doctor. He said there wasn't anything they could do for her, but I knew there was one who could help her. I still prayed on for her. One Sunday morning at six o'clock she took one. I didn't want to wake anyone up, so I prayed for her and she got better. I stepped into another room and my other daughter called me and said she was starting to cry, which she would sometimes do for hours after a spell, then go to sleep and sleep for hours. This time I ran to her and said, "Lord, don't let her cry." I saw the Evangel and put it on her in the name of the Lord. She stopped crying and in a few minutes was talking and called for her Sunday School quarterly. She then went to sleep and slept until eight o'clock, got ready and went to Sunday School. Thank the Lord! Any other time she would have slept all day. That was two years ago and she hasn't had any more since.

Another time I was suffering with a severe pain in my head. I called for prayer, but it got worse. I got the Evangel and laid it on my body and, praise His precious name, I was delivered. When someone is praying he never knows how far or just what good that prayer is doing, but the Lord knows. One time I had my shoulder out of place and my arm broken. For months I couldn't raise my arm but a few inches. Some said I would be a cripple the rest of my life, but thank the Lord, one day my shoulder went back in place and I can use that arm the same as I can the other.

The Lord is so good and so wonderful if we can only learn to wait upon Him. He has healed so many times

I can't begin to tell what all He has done for my family and me. Pray for me and my unsaved family.—Mrs. Elmer Bennett, Box 892.

HODGENVILLE, Ky.—Praise God for healing me of a tumor. I was supposed to go to Louisville to the hospital to be operated on. I was very ill, so they said I would have to go on Wednesday. Sunday night I was healed in a great healing service. I have been healed so many times.—Mrs. Willie Sallee, Box 95.

ANGUILLA, Miss.—About five years ago I was stricken with an affliction that almost took my life. My daughter asked prayer for me through the Evangel and wrote personally to some of the saints. Someone prayed the prayer of faith and God, in His infinite mercy, touched my body. I was not healed instantly, but began to amend from that hour. Praise God forever! So many times I have asked the saints to hold on to God for me and I know someone has been faithful, for I feel the assurance this morning that I am healed. Praise God that He is a prayer-answering God.

I know He heals and is able to keep healed. I humbly ask you to keep your prayers up for me, also for our family. Pray that God will save my son's wife and bring my boy safely home from the Philippines soon.—Mrs. L. J. Wheeler.

TALLADEGA, Ala.—Thanks be to God for every prayer offered in behalf of my healing. I'm truly happy to say that God certainly has heard and answered. For about six weeks I had hardly been able to eat anything. I thought my time to go was at hand, but on Monday, October 1, I went to God in prayer and it seemed that heaven opened and I could talk directly to God and there I grasped faith to believe God was going to heal me. Today I am eating anything I want.—Mrs. Dorothy Heath, Gen. Del.

FROSTPROOF, Fla.—Praise our soon-coming King for His power to heal!

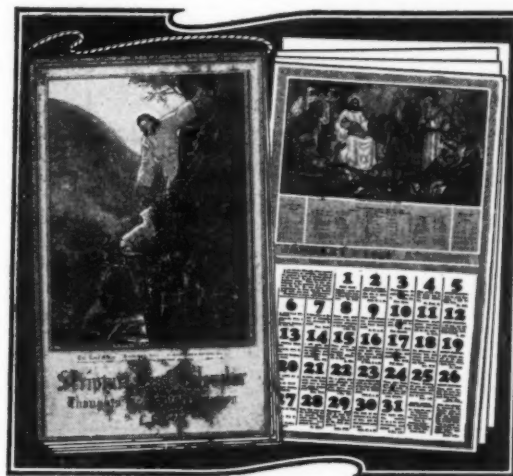
About three years ago I discovered I had a sore in my nose. It caused me lots of suffering. I had radium and went to a cancer doctor, but nothing seemed to do any good. One day a voice seemed to say, if you ever get

well it will be through the power of God. I began to ask the praying people to pray, sent in a request to the Evangel, also had prayer for my healing at Wimauma in June. The Lord heard and answered prayer and I thank each one who remembered me in your prayers. I'm so glad because God is still on the giving hand, still answers the earnest prayers of His children. I also want to thank each one who prayed for my son while he was on the battle front and many other dangerous places.

We are happy to have our same pastor for another year, Brother Bruce Watson. We are expecting to start a battle against sin, so remember us in your prayers.—Belle Godwin, Box 171.

NOCATEE, Fla.—I thank the Lord for salvation in my soul. I felt led by the Lord to write my testimony to the Evangel. Jesus means so much to me. I can't praise Him enough for what He has done for me and my family. About twelve years ago I sent my request in for prayer to be healed.

About one year afterwards I was healed, and ever since that time when any of my family became ill I would think of the time when He healed me and the words "have faith in God" would ring in my ears; then I could look up to Him who has all power over all things. For twenty-five years the Lord has been my healer. I have a son in Germany and I have trusted him in the hands of God. He said many of the boys became ill over there, but that the Lord watched over him and took care of him. I thank the Lord for those words. We appreciate our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister F. F. O'Bannon. They surely have proved a blessing to all and are loved by all. We have an L.W.W.B. here; the Lord blesses us as we pray for the boys in service. I am so glad that we can have faith in God, aren't you? The Word says, "Be strong in the Lord." Please pray for me that I may grow stronger every day and be a blessing to someone in need. I thank the Lord for the hope I have beyond the grave.—Mrs. Edd Bradley, Box 124.



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THANKSGIVING APPROPRIATE FOR 1945

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harvest in 1621; the Massachusetts Bay Colony, for the first time, in 1630, and frequently thereafter until about 1680, when it became an annual festival in that colony; Connecticut, as early as 1639, and annually after 1647, except in 1675. The Dutch at New Netherlands appointed a day for giving thanks in 1644 and occasionally thereafter. During the Revolutionary War, Congress appointed one or more Thanksgiving Days each year, except in 1777. President Washington appointed a day of thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26, in 1789, and appointed another in 1795. President Madison, in response to resolutions of Congress, set aside a day of thanksgiving at the close of the War of 1812. By 1858, proclamations appointing a day of thanksgiving were issued by governors of twenty-five states and two territories. President Lincoln appointed the last Thursday of November in 1864 and each president has followed his example thereafter, with the exception of the late President Roosevelt. It is our sincere hope that we can maintain this day of thanksgiving as appointed by President Lincoln.

The word "thanksgiving" carries more in this respect than many apparently realize. It is an act of rendering thanks, especially to God; a prayer expressing gratitude; a special acknowledgment or celebration of divine goodness; and Thanksgiving Day is a day dedicated for all people of our country to congregate in their respective churches to give thanks to God for His unmerited favor. This of course, is to be coupled with our hearts lifted to Him in prayer.

We cannot begin to enumerate the many favors and goodnesses from God that has been bestowed upon us, especially when we can now realize that the worst world conflict in the history of all civilization has come to an end. Our boys are returning home by the thousands. However, we well realize there are thousands who will never come back. Many rest in peace somewhere on foreign land beneath the South Sea sands. Soft palms sing over them and the ocean waves gently sigh. These noble men have given their lives in the face of shot and shell, that the principles established by our Pilgrim Fathers might not perish from the earth.

It would seem to me that this

Thanksgiving should be commemorated by all peoples of America, with hearts filled with thanks to God because we yet maintain our freedom. This is not to be a day of drunkenness and carousing, with wild parties and indulging in sin that destroys our powerful good. May God grant that each of us make it a real Thanksgiving Day by calling special services in the respective churches, and forget about the cares of life long enough to give thanks. It seems it is so easy to forget the price paid for liberty. We forget about the boys crouching in fox holes filled with mud; we forget about their facing the wind and storm and cold in below zero weather, holding the enemy at bay; we forget about the broken hearts of fathers, mothers, wives, and sweethearts who are left behind. The cost of our freedom in this respect is beyond that that the finite mind can comprehend. True enough, it was provided by the Christ of Calvary. It has been preserved by noble men and women who have had this task committed to their trust by Him who bought the

realities of the blessings of full salvation.

It was on a sunny afternoon in the fall some few years ago, when a man and his wife and two children moved to Oklahoma. The mother of the two children was a cripple and was only able to get around by the aid of a wheel chair. As Oklahoma is accustomed to hurricanes, the people have dug storm cellars in which they can hide during the storms. So the family who had newly arrived in the State saw the necessity of building a storm cellar. While watching this being done, the little boy and girl decided they would build a play storm cellar. So while their crippled mother sat on the porch and watched them, they attempted to build a toy storm cellar. As they were about to finish, the soil being sandy, it caved in. They tried again and again and each time it caved in. Finally, the little girl came running into the house crying and told her mother of their predicament. The mother was touched and attempted to go to their aid. The little boy put boards up the back steps, so



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she wheeled her chair down these boards to the ground and helped them fix their cellar. On the way back to the house, the exertion being too great, she died. During the long hours of the night the brokenhearted father, sitting up with his deceased wife, heard the patter of little feet down the hallway and in came little Mary. Reaching up she took the cold hand of her mother and kissed it, saying, "Thank you, Mamma," and then ran back to her room. The father, following her, asked, "Mary, why did you do that?" Mary said, "Mamma fixed my storm cellar today and I forgot to thank her."

Over 1900 years ago the Lamb of God gave His life on Calvary and prepared for us a refuge (storm cellar) from the storms and tempests. He has provided for His people down through the ages, just as He provided for our Pilgrim Fathers. He provided for St. Stephen when his body was pelted with rocks, and he looked up and saw the heavens open and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. We have an all-sufficient Saviour, so let us be thankful.

WHO WILL JOIN ME IN PRAYER?

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love Him and keep His commandments, and the greatest commandment of all is to love the Lord. Mark 12:30, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." Then in Luke 21:36 we hear Him giving His disciples this commandment, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Prayer is the most needed thing of today, and the hardest thing to get people to do. Jesus first laid the example to pray. Luke 6:12, "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." Mark 1:35, 36, "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. And Simon and they that were with Him followed after Him." Now, my brother or sister, if you are following after Him in prayer, I am asking every one that will to join me in prayer for the sick and suffering and for the salvation of the lost and dying of this world. If

you will pray as He has commanded you to pray, you can look for results to follow your prayer; that is, if you will fast and pray. Jesus said concerning the boy with an evil spirit, "This kind goeth out only by fasting and prayer," so come join us in fasting and prayer. Our hour of prayer is every morning before day till after sunrise, and every afternoon at three o'clock from one to two hours. Fast days are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and every one that is willing to join us in this battle for the lost and dying of our land, let us hear

from you. If you are suffering and can't get relief, just send us a piece of cloth or handkerchief and the Lord can heal you, if you are living for God or willing to live for God. May I hear from many that will join me in prayer and fasting that God may move and bring many souls into the kingdom of God, and may the Lord bless every one that reads this. Order my book, "Marvels and Miracles of Healings," eighty-eight pages, 50c a copy. Cash with order.—Your brother for the lost and suffering, L. G. Rouse, 2349 McCroskey Ave., Knoxville 17, Tenn.

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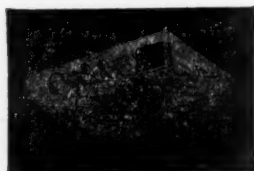
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